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I. FINAL DECLARATION OF THE REGIONAL MEETING FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

San José Declaration

The representatives of the Latin-American and Caribbean countries, meeting in the city of San José, Costa Rica, from 18 to 22 January 1993, as part of the preparations for the World Conference on Human Rights, to be held in June 1993 in Vienna, Austria,

Considering that the promotion and protection of human rights is a matter of priority for the international community and that the Conference affords a unique opportunity to carry out a comprehensive analysis of the international human rights system and of the machinery for the protection of human rights, in order to enhance and thus promote a fuller observance of those rights,

Reaffirming that our countries represent a broad grouping of nations sharing common roots within a rich cultural heritage based on a combination of various peoples, religions and races, and that our roots unite us in the search for collective solutions to present problems through friendly dialogue, peaceful coexistence and respect for pluralism and the principles of national sovereignty, non-interference in the internal affairs of States and self-determination of peoples,

Recognizing that we live in an uncertain world situation full of challenges and opportunities for building an international order of true democracy, freedom and justice, based on strict observance of international law,

Emphasizing that the Latin American and Caribbean community regards peace, democracy, development and social welfare as essential for the full realization of human rights,

Considering that the World Conference on Human Rights is the appropriate forum for examining the relationship between development and the universal enjoyment of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights, and recognizing the importance of creating the necessary conditions so that all may enjoy those rights, bearing in mind the Declaration adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1986,

Reaffirming that it is the obligation of all States to promote and guarantee the full observance of human rights through their own efforts and through international cooperation based on the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as on international and regional human rights instruments,

Stressing the importance of strengthening broad, non-selective and non-discriminatory international cooperation, designed to strengthen the capacity of States to respect and promote human rights, based on dialogue, solidarity and joint action to promote the full enjoyment of all human rights and to avoid the use of pressures alien to the essential nature of such rights,

Bearing in mind that the guiding principles of the study and implementation of international human rights instruments in the United Nations system should be interdependence, universality, objectivity, impartiality, non-selectivity and the responsibility of States to fulfil their obligations,

Reaffirming the unwaivable commitment to the defence and promotion of representative democracy and human rights in the region, within respect for the principles of self-determination and non-intervention,

1. We reaffirm our commitment to promoting and guaranteeing the full observance of the human rights established in the Universal Declaration and in universal and regional human rights instruments, through our own efforts and through broad-based, non-selective and non-discriminatory international cooperation;

2. We reiterate that the World Conference on Human Rights should be based on the unconditional and indissoluble link between human rights, democracy and development;

3. We hold that the interdependence and indivisibility of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights are the basis for consideration of the question of human rights, and therefore the exercise of some cannot and must not be disallowed on the pretext that full enjoyment of the others has not yet been achieved;

4. We underline that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the strengthening of development, democracy and pluralism in international relations with full respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of States, and the sovereign equality and self-determination of peoples are the pillars of our regional system;

5. We consider that the defence and strengthening of representative democracy constitute the best guarantee of the effective enjoyment of all human rights, and stress that the rupture of the democratic order threatens human rights in the country concerned and has negative repercussions on the countries of the region, particularly neighbouring countries;

6. We reaffirm our region's support for the Commission on Human Rights as the principal forum within the United Nations system for dealing with human rights questions, in accordance with its mandate;

7. We emphasize that the right to development is an inalienable human right, as established in the Declaration on the Right to Development, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/128 of 4 December 1986. The international community must take measures as soon as possible for the realization of this right through appropriate mechanisms which take account of the right to development in a healthy and ecologically balanced environment as a universal right, in accordance with the Rio Declaration;

8. We consider that an evaluation of the United Nations human rights system is needed in order to strengthen its capacity and that of the international community to protect, promote and defend human rights, to

provide an effective and timely response to problems arising in this field and to remove obstacles to the full observance of human rights;

9. We recognize that the work done by the United Nations in codifying international legal norms for the promotion and protection of human rights is one of the great achievements of the Organization, and we encourage Governments to adhere fully to the instruments contained therein;

10. We affirm that the obstacles to the observance of human rights which must be eliminated include: lack of democracy and freedom, international coercive measures that affect human rights, lack of education, poor socio-economic conditions resulting partly from the transfer of resources to the servicing of foreign debt and from the disparity in the terms of international trade, corruption, impunity, a shortage of resources for the institutionalization and administration of justice, various forms of intolerance, widespread violence, terrorism and drug trafficking at all stages, the illegal arms trade, the militarization of societies and the uncontrolled production and supply of arms, the failure to ratify international human rights treaties, the lack of genuinely independent systems of justice and the lack of respect for the resolutions adopted by organs of the United Nations system and the inter-American system pertaining to the enjoyment of these rights;

11. We hold that measures must be taken to prevent the rise in other parts of the world of new trends of systematic, flagrant human rights violations which have arisen in some countries, such as disturbing manifestations of intolerance, all forms of racial discrimination, xenophobia, neo-nazism and ethnic cleansing;

12. We note that when democratic Governments are making determined efforts to resolve their human rights problems, such problems should not be used for political ends or as a condition for extending assistance or socio-economic cooperation;

13. We draw attention to the urgent need to establish mechanisms and programmes for the defence and protection of children and adolescents, in particular, in relation to abandoned and street children, and for Governments to set up national commissions for the monitoring and follow-up of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, made up of governmental and non-governmental organizations; we trust, moreover, that the international concern expressed at the situation of the children in our region will translate into concrete forms of cooperation with the programmes and projects established at the national level;

14. We reaffirm that Governments must emphasize the implementation of actions to recognize the rights of women, to promote their participation in national life with equality of opportunity, to eradicate all forms of hidden or overt discrimination on grounds of sex, race or social status and, especially, to eliminate gender-based violence, as well as all forms of sexual exploitation. We recommend that the World Conference promote the relevant international instruments;

15. We welcome the celebration in 1993 of the International Year of the World's Indigenous People; we recognize the enormous contribution of indigenous peoples to the development and plurality of our societies and we reaffirm our commitment to their economic, social and cultural well-being and our obligation to respect their own initiatives and participation, recognizing the value and diversity of their cultures and their forms of social organization, without detriment to the unity of the State;

16. We attach the utmost importance to the observance of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of vulnerable groups and the elimination of all forms of discrimination against them, and to the development of norms which protect those groups not yet covered by relevant instruments;

17. We attach the greatest importance to consideration of the topic of disability and human rights, and affirm that, in order to ensure compliance with existing norms of protection, there is a need to elaborate an international convention that will provide, on the basis of equality, for the full exercise and enjoyment of the fundamental rights of disabled persons, in order to incorporate them fully into the active life of the community, and to intensify efforts to prevent disability;

18. We consider that efforts must be intensified to improve the situation of migrant workers and their families according to the principle of non-discrimination, and we encourage Governments to adhere to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;

19. We express our commitment to promote and protect all of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of elderly persons, as established in national and international instruments, and to guarantee the full access of this vulnerable group to social security benefits and to the specific protection mechanisms recommended in the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing;

20. We recognize the need to respect the principle of non-discrimination and to guarantee the legal and social equality of people infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and people with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), as well as their right to receive the necessary treatment, and the need to take public health measures to prevent the proliferation of this illness;

21. We reiterate our concern about, and our condemnation of, the various forms of terrorism, including the activities of armed groups that sow terror in the population and of drug traffickers, who threaten the exercise of democracy and are serious obstacles to the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms in our region;

22. We believe that the inter-American system of human rights plays a fundamental role in promoting, protecting and defending human rights in our region, and we encourage the efforts under way to strengthen this system and to increase its effectiveness. We stress the importance of coordination and cooperation between the United Nations and the inter-American system of human rights;

23. We recognize the importance of the work which, at the express request of the Government of El Salvador, the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL) has carried out for the protection and promotion of human rights, which has yielded highly positive results in this area, thus contributing to the consolidation of peace in El Salvador;

24. We consider that a process of reflection is required on the consequences of interference on humanitarian grounds for the principles of the self-determination of peoples and respect for the sovereignty of States, on the one hand, and respect for human rights, on the other, which form the basis of the inter-American system;

25. We propose that the World Conference consider the possibility of asking the General Assembly to study the feasibility of establishing a United Nations Permanent Commissioner for Human Rights;

26. We recognize that regular meetings should be convened, bringing together leaders of the United Nations, the Organization of American States, other regional organizations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Inter-American Development Bank and other important international finance and development institutions in order to assess the impact of their policies on human rights and to coordinate measures and strategies for the promotion and realization of human rights;

27. We stress that, as the free market system cannot in and of itself guarantee or promote the enjoyment of human rights, States should accept the obligation of establishing and maintaining adequate measures for protecting the vulnerable sectors of their population;

28. We attach great importance to international technical and financial cooperation, and to other types of advisory services that the United Nations can provide to Member States, for the improvement of the administration of justice, police and prison systems, the promotion and teaching of human rights and all efforts that might help strengthen the institutions which uphold the rule of law. In this regard, we consider that one of the most substantial contributions the World Conference could make to the cause of human rights would be the establishment of a United Nations programme of technical and financial assistance, under the auspices of the Centre for Human Rights, to cooperate, at the request of governments, with national projects designed to strengthen the institutions that uphold the rule of law, as recommended in Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/51;

29. We stress that the promotion and defence of human rights must be given priority within the United Nations, and that this must be reflected in the distribution of the Organization's budgetary resources;

30. We stress the importance of strengthening the Centre for Human Rights by providing it with the necessary resources so that it may expeditiously and effectively provide a wide range of human rights advisory services, taking into account the current historical, political and social situation of requesting Governments;

31. We affirm the importance of incorporating the topic of human rights issues into the education imparted by States, and recommend that its dissemination, both theoretical and practical, be established as a priority objective of educational policies.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL MEETING

A. Opening of the session

1. The Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean of the World Conference on Human Rights was held at San José from 18 to 22 January 1993, as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/155. It held eight meetings during the session.

2. At its first meeting, on 18 January 1993, the Secretary-General of the World Conference on Human Rights opened the Regional Meeting.

3. Statements were made by His Excellency, Mr. Bernd H. Niehaus, Minister of External Relations and Religion, and by His Excellency, Mr. Arnoldo López Echandi, President of the Republic of Costa Rica ad interim.

4. The Deputy Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean delivered a message from the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission.

5. The Secretary-General of the World Conference on Human Rights made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

6. The session was attended by representatives of the following States, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, inter-governmental organizations, national human rights institutions, other organizations and non-governmental organizations.

States

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela.

States represented by observers

Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Holy See, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Territories

Aruba, Netherlands Antilles.

Specialized agencies

International Labour Organisation, International Monetary Fund, Pan American Health Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization.

Intergovernmental organizations

Commission of the European Communities, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Inter-American Development Bank, International Organization for Migration, Organization of American States.

United Nations organs

Observadores de las Naciones Unidas en El Salvador, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations University, University for Peace, World Food Programme.

National human rights institutions

Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos de México, Ombudsman of Puerto Rico.

United Nations human rights and related bodies

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Human Rights Committee.

Other organizations and institutions

Association for Progressive Communications, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos, International Committee of the Red Cross, Orden Soberana y Militar de Malta, United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders.

Non-governmental organizations

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

Category I

International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, International Co-operative Alliance, International Council of Voluntary Agencies, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International Organization of Consumers Unions, World Confederation of Labour, World Federation of Trade Unions.

Category II

American Association of Jurists, Amnesty International, Andean Commission of Jurists, Baha'i International Community, Christian Democrat International, Coalition against Trafficking in Women, Commission for the Defence of Human Rights in Central America, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches, Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, Defence for Children International Movement, Disabled Peoples' International, France-Libertés: Fondation Danielle Miterrand, Human Rights Internet, International Association of Penal Law, International Commission of Jurists, International Council of Jewish Women, International Federation of Human Rights, International Federation of Journalists, International Federation of Women in Legal Careers, International Human Rights Law Group, International Indian Treaty Council, International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (Colombian Section), International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, International Organization of Journalists, International Service for Human Rights, International Union of Latin Notariat, International Union of Students, Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Disappeared Detainees, Latin American Human Rights Association, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association International, Service Justice and Peace in Latin America, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, World Conference on Religion and Peace, World Council of Indigenous Peoples, World Student Christian Federation, World Organization of the Scout Movement, World University Service.

Roster

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Habitat International Coalition, Indian Council of South America, International Educational Development, Inc., International Immigrant Foundation, Plan International, World Peace Council, World Organization against Torture.

Other non-governmental organizations

Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo, Agencia Latinoamericana de Información (ALAI), Asamblea Permanente de Derechos Humanos de Bolivia, Asamblea por el Derecho a la Vida, Asesoría Legal Guaymí, Asociación Alianza de Mujeres Costarricenses, Asociación Centroamericana de Familiares de Detenidos-Desaparecidos (ACAFADE), Asociación Costarricense de Mujeres Universitarias, Asociación Cultural Sejekto de Costa Rica - Sejekto - Sejto - La Voz del Indio, Asociación de Defensa de la Vida (ADEVI), Asociación de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos (Colombia), Asociación del Desarollo para América Central (ADEPAC), Asociación Ecologista Costarricense, Asociación Guatemalteca de Juristas (AGJ), Asociación Kunas Unidos por Nabguana (KUNA), Asociación Latinoamericana de Sociología (ALAS), Asociación Nacional Indígena Salvadoreña (ANIS), Asociación Nicaragüense Pro-Derechos Humanos, Belize Rural Women's Association, Brazilian Institute for Social and Economic Analyses, Caribbean Rights/Caribbean Human Rights Network, Central Latinoamericana de Trabajadores (CLAT), Centre for the Defence of Human Rights/Popular Assistance and

Education, Centro de Capacitación Social de Panamá (CCS), Centro de Derechos Humanos "Fray Bartolomé de las Casas", Centro de Estudios Ambientales, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS), Centro de Estudios sobre América, Centro de Estudios y Acción para la Paz (CEAPAZ), Centro de Estudios y Acción Social Panameño, Centro de Investigación, Estudio y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (CIPRODH), Centro de Investigación y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (CIPRODEH), Centro de la Mujer Peruana Flora Tristán, Centro de Salud Mental y Derechos Humanos (CINTRAS), Centro Dominicano de Asesoría e Investigaciones Legales (CEDAIL), Centro Nicaragüense de Derechos Humanos (CENIDH), Comisión Andina de Juristas - Seccional Colombiana, Comisión Chilena de Derechos Humanos, Comisión Costarricense de Derechos Humanos (CODEHU), Comisión de Derechos Humanos (COMISEDH), Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Guatemala, Comisión Ecuménica de Derechos Humanos (CEDHU), Comisión Episcopal de Acción Social (CEAS), Comisión Justicia y Paz de San Paulo, Comisión Latinoamericana por los Derechos Humanos y las Libertades de los Trabajadores y los Pueblos, Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos, Commission Nationale Justice et Paix, Comité de Defensa de los Derechos del Pueblo (CODEPU), Comité de Familiares de las Víctimas de los Sucesos de Febrero y Marzo (COFAVIC), Comité de Familiares Pro-Libertad de Presos y Desaparecidos Políticos de El Salvador (CODEFAM), Comité de Iglesias para Ayudas de Emergencia, Comité Diocesano para Ayuda a Inmigrantes Fronterizos (CODAIF), Comité Ecuménico Pro-Derechos Humanos (CEPRODHU), Comité Latinoamericano para la Defensa de la Mujer (CLADEM), Comité Latinoamericano para la Defensa de la Mujer (CLADEM-COSTA RICA), Comité Latinoamericano para la Defensa de la Mujer en Honduras (CLADEM-H), Comité Nacional Independiente Pro-Defensa de Presos, Perseguidos, Desaparecidos y Exiliados Políticos (CNI), Comité Panameño por los Derechos Humanos, Comité para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos en Honduras (CODEH), Comité Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (CPDH), Confederación de Nacionalidades Indígenas del Ecuador (CONAIE), Consejo de Comunidades Etnicas Runujel Junam (CERJ), Consejo de Iglesias Evangélicas Pro-Alianza Denominacional (CEPAD), Consejo Nacional Jamrogo 500 Años de Lucha India, Coordinadora de Organizaciones No Gubernamentales del Area de la Mujer, Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos, Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales (CRIES), Corporación Colectivo de Abogados, Curia Metropolitana de Panamá, Departamento de Derechos Humanos del Sínodo Luterano Salvadoreño, Equipo Argentino de Antropología Forense, Familia Franciscana, Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos de Guatemala (FAMDEGUA), Federación Internacional de Trabajadores de las Plantaciones Agrícolas y Similares (FITPAS), Federación de Mujeres Cubanas, Fundación Comité de Solidaridad con los Presos Políticos (CSPP), Fundación de Estudios para la Aplicación del Derecho, Gabinete de Asesoría Jurídica a Organizaciones Populares (GAJOP), Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo, Guyana Human Rights Association, Instituto de Defensa Legal (IDL), Instituto de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad de Centroamérica (IDHUCA), Instituto de Estudios de la Mujer "Norma Virgina Guirola de Herrera" (CEMUJER), Instituto de Estudios Jurídico Sociales de la Mujer, Instituto Latinoamericano de Servicios Legales Alternativos (ILSA), Instituto Rutherford de Bolivia, Liga Argentina por los Derechos del Hombre, Liga Maya Internacional, Madres de Plaza de Mayo, MINGA, Movement of Rural Landless Workers, Movimiento Manuela Ramos, Movimiento por la Identidad de la Mujer Negra, Mujeres por la Democracia, Oficina de Derechos Humanos del Arzobispado de Guatemala, Oficina Jurídica para la Mujer,

Organización de Solidaridad de los Pueblos de Africa, Asia y América Latina (OSPAAAL), Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia (ONIC), Plateforme haïtienne des droits humains, Programa Venezolano de Educación-Acción en Derechos Humanos (PROVEA), Radio for Peace International, Red de Apoyo por la Justicia y la Paz, Red entre Mujeres, Servicio Paz y Justicia (SERPAJ - BOLIVIA), Sindicato Nacional de Periodistas, Socorro Jurídico Cristiano "Arzobispo Oscar Romero", Tutela Legal del Arzobispado de San Salvador, Unidad de Acción Sindical y Popular (UASP), Unidad Nacional de los Trabajadores Salvadoreños, Unión Nacional de Juristas de Cuba, Unión Sindical de Trabajadores de Guatemala (UNSITRAGUA), Vicaría de la Solidaridad, Vicaría Episcopal de Derechos Humanos - Arquidiócesis de Caracas, Vicarías de la Solidaridad de las Prelaturas de Juli Y Ayaviri.

7. A list of the documents for the Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean is contained in annex II to the present report.

B. Election of officers

8. At its 1st meeting, on 18 January 1993, the Regional Meeting elected the following officers:

Chairperson:	H.E. Elizabeth Odio Benito (Costa Rica) Minister of Justice Acting Minister for External Relations and Religion
Vice-Chairpersons:	Ms. Zelmira Regazzoli (Argentina)
	Mr. José Pérez Novoa (Cuba)
Rapporteur:	Ms. Guillermina Da Silva (Venezuela)

C. Appointment of the Credentials Committee

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 18 January 1993, the Chairperson of the Regional Meeting announced the composition of the Credentials Committee, as follows: Mr. Guillermo A. Meléndez (El Salvador), Mrs. Rossana-Luigia Ameglio (Panama), Mr. Eric Salum Pires (Paraguay), Ms. Ruth H. de Miranda (Suriname), who was appointed as the Chairperson.

10. On 20 January 1993, the Credentials Committee met and examined the credentials of representatives of 23 States, which were represented at the Regional Meeting. The Committee adopted, without a vote, its report (A/CONF.157/LACRM/10).

D. Adoption of the agenda and the rules of procedure

11. At its 2nd meeting, on 18 January 1993, the Regional Meeting had before it the provisional agenda for the Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean (A/CONF.157/LACRM/1) and the annotations thereto (A/CONF.157/LACRM/1/Add.1/Rev.1).

12. At the same meeting, the provisional agenda was adopted without a vote. The text of the agenda as adopted is contained in annex I to the present report.

13. At the same meeting, the Regional Meeting adopted the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, bearing in mind decision PC.3/2, adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its third session, concerning the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations at regional meetings (see A/CONF.157/PC/54, annex II).

E. Organization of work

14. At its 2nd meeting, on 18 January 1993, the Regional Meeting decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to adopt its programme of work.

15. The Regional Meeting decided to consider items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 concurrently and item 6 separately.

16. At the same meeting, the Regional Meeting decided to limit the duration of statements to 10 minutes for Member States and five minutes for observers.

17. The Regional Meeting appointed Ms. Guillermina Da Silva (Venezuela) Chairperson of the Drafting Committee. The Drafting Committee held five meetings, on 20 to 22 January 1993.

III. STATEMENTS

18. Statements* on agenda items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were made by the representatives of the following States: Argentina (3rd), Bolivia (5th), Brazil (3rd), Chile (3rd), Colombia (5th), Costa Rica (5th), Cuba (5th), Dominican Republic (5th), Ecuador (2nd), El Salvador (5th), Guatemala (5th), Haiti (4th), Jamaica (5th), Mexico (4th), Nicaragua (3rd), Panama (5th), Paraguay (4th), Peru (5th), Venezuela (3rd).

19. A statement was also made by the observer for Netherlands Antilles (3rd).

20. Statements were also made by the observers for: Austria (5th), Canada (5th), Tunisia (on behalf of the States of the African Group) (5th).

21. A statement was made by the observer for the Holy See (5th).

22. Statements were made by the observers for: United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD) (6th), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (3rd), United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL) (3rd), United Nations University for Peace (6th).

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* The number in parentheses following the names of States or organizations indicates the meeting at which the statement was made.

23. Statements were made by the observers for: Organization of American States - Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (6th).

24. A statement was made by the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (3rd).

25. Statements were made by the observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo (6th), Amnesty International (2nd), Asamblea Permanente de Derechos Humanos (Bolivia) (6th), Asociación Ecologista Costarricense (7th), Baha'i International Community (7th), Central Latinoamericana de Trabajadores (6th), Centro de Capacitación Social de Panamá (7th), Centro de Estudios Ambientales (3rd), Centro de Investigación, Estudio y Promoción de Derechos Humanos de Guatemala (7th), Christian Democrat International (7th), Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (3rd), Comisión Andina de Juristas (3rd), Comisión Costarricense de Derechos Humanos (7th), Comisión Justicia y Paz (7th), Comisión Latinoamericana por los Derechos Humanos y las Libertades (6th), Comisión para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos de Centroamérica (3rd), Comité Latinoamericano para la Defensa de los Derechos de la Mujer (CLADEM) (3rd), CLADEM-Honduras (6th), Comité Permanente para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (Colombia) (3rd), Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations (7th), Disabled People's International (6th), Federación Latinoamericana de Asociaciones de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos (6th), Federación Sindical Mundial (6th), Indeso Mujer (6th), Instituto Rutherford en Latinoamérica (7th), International Commission of Jurists (2nd), International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (3rd), International Federation of Journalists (6th), International Federation of Women in Legal Careers (Brazil) (6th), International Human Rights Law Group (3rd), International Immigrants Foundation (6th), International Union of Students (7th), Liga Argentina por los Derechos del Hombre (6th), Liga Internacional por los Derechos y la Liberación de los Pueblos (6th), Madres de Plaza de Mayo (6th), Movimiento Manuela Ramos (6th), Mujeres por la Democracia (7th), Oficina Jurídica para la Mujer (Bolivia) (6th), Organización de Solidaridad de los Pueblos de Africa, Asia y América Latina (3rd), Instituto de Estudios de Mujeres (El Salvador) (3rd), Liga Internacional de Mujeres pro Paz y Libertad (3rd), Movimiento por la Identidad de la Mujer Negra (6th), Tutela Legal del Arzobispado de San Salvador (7th), World Organization against Torture (7th), World Organization of the Scout Movement - World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (7th).

26. Joint statements were made by the observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Asociación de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos y Exiliados Políticos de México, Comisión Andina de Juristas (Sección Colombiana), Comission for the Defense of Human Rights in Central America (CODEHUCA), Federación de Mujeres Cubanas, International Service for Human Rights, Movimiento por la Identidad de la Mujer Negra (República Dominicana), Unión de Juristas de Cuba (on Item 7) (4th); Centro de Estudio y de Acción por la Paz (CEAPAZ) (Perú), Centro Nicaragüense de Derechos Humanos (CANIDH), Andean Commission of Jurists (CAJ), Comisión de Derechos Humanos (CODEH) (Honduras), Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches, Comisión para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos en Centro América (CODEHUCA), Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Guatemala, Comisión de Derechos Humanos (COMISEDH) (Peru),

Comisión Episcopal de Acción Social (CEAS) (Perú), Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (México), International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH), Fundación "France Libertés" (France), Instituto de Defensa Legal (IDL) (Peru), Liga Argentina por los Derechos del Hombre, Unidad Nacional de los Trabajadores Salvadoreños (on Item 8) (4th); Agencia Latinoamericana de Información, Asamblea de Derechos Humanos (Bolivia), American Association of Jurists, Asociación Ecologista Costarricense, Asociación Nicaragüense Pro Derechos Humanos (ANPDH), Latin American Association for Human Rights (ALDHU) (International), Comisión Ecuménica de Derechos Humanos (CEDHU) (Ecuador), International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), International Federation of Journalists, Fundación de Ayuda Social de las Iglesias Cristianas (FASIC) (Chile), Guyana Human Rights (Guyana), Instituto de Estudios Jurídicos de El Salvador, MST (Brazil), Organización de la Solidaridad de los Pueblos de Africa, Asia, y América Latina, Programa Venezolano de Educación-Acción en Derechos Humanos (PROVEA), Service, Justice and Peace in Latin America (SERPAJ), Vicaría de la Solidaridad (Santiago, Chile) (on Item 9) (4th); Centro de Estudios Ambientales (CEDEA) (Argentina), Centro de Investigación, Estudios y Promoción de Derechos Humanos (CIEPRODH) (Guatemala), Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches, Comité Diocesano de Ayuda a Inmigrantes Fronterizos (Chiapas, México), Latin American Committee in Defence of Women's Rights (CLADEM) (Costa Rica), Coordinadora de ONGs del Area de la Mujer de la República Dominicana, Comité Latinoamericano para la Defensa de los Derechos de las Mujeres en Honduras (CLADEM) (Honduras), Consultoría para los Derechos Humanos y el Desplazamiento, Equipo Argentino de Antropología Forense, Federación de Mujeres Cubanas (FMC), Human Rights Internet, Instituto Brasileiro de Analises Sociais e Economicas (IBASE) (Brazil), Liga Internacional de Mujeres pro Paz y Libertad, Disabled People's International (on Item 10) (4th); American Association of Jurists, Latin American Committee in Defence of Women's Rights (CLADEM), INDESO Mujer, Tutela Jurídica del Arzobispado (El Salvador) (on Item 11) (4th); Asociación Americana para el Avance de la Ciencia, Caribbean Human Rights Network, Comité de Iglesias para Ayudas de Emergencia (CIPAR) (Paraguay), World University Service (on item 12) (6th); Conferencia Satélite la Nuestra ILSA, Red de Mujeres Negras de América Latina y el Caribe (on the issues concerning women) (6th).

27. At its 4th meeting, on 19 January 1993, the Regional Meeting heard statements under item 6.

28. Statements were made by representatives of: Brazil (4th), Guatemala (on behalf of the Central American States) (4th), Venezuela (4th).

29. A statement was made by the observer for the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights.

30. Statements were made by the observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Indian Council of South America (4th), Consejo Internacional de los Tratados Indígenas (4th), Consejo Mundial de Pueblos Indígenas (4th), Inuit Circumpolar Conference (4th).

31. A joint statement on Item 6 was made by: Asesoría Legal Guaymí (Panama), Asociación Cultural Sejekto (Costa Rica), Asociación Nacional Indígena Salvadoreña (ANIS), Comisión de Mujeres del CMPI, Comisión Jurídica de los Pueblos de Integración Tawantinsuyana, Confederación de las Nacionalidades Indígenas del Ecuador, Indian Council of South America, Consejo de Comunidades Etnicas Runujel Junam (Guatemala), Consejo Nacional Indio de Venezuela, Consejo Nacional Jamrogo (Costa Rica), Consejo de Organizaciones Mayas (Guatemala), Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos (Guatemala), Liga Maya Internacional (Costa Rica), Nabguana Kuna (Panamá), Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia (4th).

32. A statement was also made by the Secretary-General of the World Conference on Human Rights (4th).

33. At the 4th meeting, the Chairman of the Regional Meeting read out a message from the President of the Parlamento Indígena de América.

IV. COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

34. The Regional Meeting considered agenda item 6 at its 4th meeting, on 19 January 1993, and at its 8th meeting, on 22 January 1993.

35. For the members, observers and non-governmental organizations which made statements under item 6, see chapter III, paragraphs 28 to 33.

36. The Regional Meeting had before it the following document:

Written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in/without consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (A/CONF.157/LACRM/14).

V. EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RELEVANT HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS AND INSTRUMENTS AND ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL METHODS AND PROCEDURES

37. The Regional Meeting considered agenda item 7, together with items 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, at its 2nd to 8th meetings, on 18 to 22 January 1993.

38. For the members, observers and non-governmental organizations which made statements under item 7, see chapter III, paragraphs 18 to 26.

39. The Regional Meeting had before it the following documents:

Updated report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (E/CN.4/1991/23 and Add.1);

Report of the International Workshop on National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Paris, 7-9 October 1991 (E/CN.4/1992/43 and Add.1);

Note by the Secretary-General, transmitting a report by Mr. Philip Alston on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (A/44/668);

Note by the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the 4th meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (A/47/628);

Compilation of general comments and general recommendations adopted by human rights treaty bodies (HRI/GEN/1);

Note by the Secretariat on the status of international and regional human rights instruments as of 15 December 1992 (A/CONF.157/LACRM/2);

Achievements and problems of the inter-American human rights system: report by Mr. Marco Tulio Bruni Celli, President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, to the Conference on Regional Systems of Human Rights Protection in Africa, America and Europe (Strasbourg, 15-19 June 1992) (A/CONF.157/LACRM/5);

Written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in/without consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (A/CONF.157/LACRM/14).

VI. IDENTIFICATION OF OBSTACLES TO THE FULL REALIZATION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS

40. The Regional Meeting considered agenda item 8, together with items 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12, at its 2nd to 8th meetings, on 18 to 22 January 1993.

41. For the members, observers and non-governmental organizations which made statements under item 8, see chapter III, paragraphs 18 to 26.

42. The Regional Meeting had before it the following documents:

Report on the sale of children by Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn (E/CN.4/1992/55 and Add.1);

Report by the Secretary-General on the draft programme of action for the elimination of the exploitation of child labour (E/CN.4/1992/45);

Study by Mr. Asbjörn Eide entitled "Right to adequate food as a human right" (Study Series No. 1, Centre for Human Rights, 1989);

Final report submitted by Mr. Danilo Türk, Special Rapporteur on the realization of economic, social and cultural rights (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/16);

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and extreme poverty (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1991/38 and Add.1);

Written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in/without consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (A/CONF.157/LACRM/14).

VII. CONSIDERATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT, DEMOCRACY AND THE UNIVERSAL ENJOYMENT OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS, KEEPING IN VIEW THE INTERDEPENDENCE AND INDIVISIBILITY OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

43. The Regional Meeting considered agenda item 9, together with items 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12, at its 2nd to 8th meetings, on 18 to 22 January 1993.

44. For the members, observers and non-governmental organizations which made statements under item 9, see chapter III paragraphs 18 to 26.

45. The Regional Meeting had before it the following documents:

Preliminary report on the means whereby the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others fosters, strengthens and enhances the exercise of other human rights and fundamental freedoms, prepared by Mr. Luis Valencia Rodríguez, Independent Expert appointed in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/19 (E/CN.4/1992/9);

Report on the Global Consultation on the Right to Development as a Human Right, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/45 (E/CN.4/1990/9/Rev.1);

Statement to the World Conference on Human Rights on behalf of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/C.12/1992/CRP.2/Add.1);

Statement submitted by the International Monetary Fund to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on the realization of economic, social and cultural rights (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1991/63);

Written statement submitted by the International Labour Organisation (A/CONF.157/LACRM/13);

Written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in/without consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (A/CONF.157/LACRM/14).

VIII. CONSIDERATION, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OF CONTEMPORARY TRENDS IN AND NEW CHALLENGES TO THE FULL REALIZATION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF PERSONS BELONGING TO VULNERABLE GROUPS

46. The Regional Meeting considered agenda item 10, together with items 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12, at its 2nd to 8th meetings, on 18 to 22 January 1993.

47. For the members, observers and non-governmental organizations which made statements under item 10, see chapter III paragraphs 18 to 26.

48. The Regional Meeting had before it the following documents:

Report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations on its tenth session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/33);

Report of Mr. Asbjörn Eide on possible ways and means of facilitating the peaceful and constructive solution of problems involving minorities (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/37);

Declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities (E/CN.4/1992/48);

Ethno-nationalism and minority protection: the need for institutional reforms, a report by Mr. Asbjörn Eide to the First International Colloquium on Human Rights, La Laguna, Tenerife, 1-4 November 1992 (A/CONF.157/LACRM/6);

Report of Mr. Leandro Despouy, Special Rapporteur, on human rights and disability (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1991/31);

Report of Mr. Murlidhar Bhandare on the interrelationship between human rights and international peace (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1991/32 and Corr.1);

Study of the problem of discrimination against indigenous populations, by Mr. José R. Martínez Cobo, Special Rapporteur, vol. V: Conclusions, proposals and recommendations (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1986/7/Add.4);

Final report prepared by Mr. Varela Quirós, Special Rapporteur, on discrimination against HIV-infected people or people with AIDS (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/10);

Report on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, submitted by Mr. Enrique Bernales Ballesteros (Peru), Special Rapporteur, pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/7 (E/CN.4/1992/12);

Analysis of the causes of refugee movements and other forms of forced emigration in South America - New strategies in international cooperation: report submitted by Mr. Leandro Despouy (A/CONF.157/LACRM/9);

Written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in/without consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (A/CONF.157/LACRM/14).

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS AND IMPROVE THE COORDINATION OF THE MECHANISMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND REGIONAL SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEM, AS APPROPRIATE

49. The Regional Meeting considered agenda item 11, together with items 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12, at its 2nd to 8th meetings, on 18 to 22 January 1993.

50. For the members, observers and non-governmental organizations which made statements under item 11, see chapter III, paragraphs 18 to 26.

51. The Regional Meeting had before it the following document:

Written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in/without consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (A/CONF.157/LACRM/14).

X. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

52. The Regional Meeting considered agenda item 12, together with items 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, at its 2nd to 8th meetings, on 18 to 22 January 1993.

53. For the members, observers and non-governmental organizations which made statements under item 12, see chapter III, paragraphs 18 to 26.

54. The Regional Meeting had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization for 1992 (A/47/1).

55. The Regional Meeting had before it the following documents:

Written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in/without consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (A/CONF.157/LACRM/14).

XI. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

56. The Regional Meeting considered agenda item 13 at its 8th meeting, held on 22 January 1993.

57. At the same meeting, the Regional Meeting took note of the report of the Credentials Committee contained in document A/CONF.157/LACRM/10.

58. Also at the same meeting, the Regional Meeting had before it the report of the Drafting Committee (A/CONF.157/LACRM/12 and Add.1) containing a draft final declaration for adoption.

59. The draft final declaration was adopted without a vote.

60. For the text of the final declaration, see chapter I.

61. At the same meeting, the Regional Meeting adopted the draft report of the Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean of the World Conference on Human Rights, contained in document A/CONF.157/LACRM/L.1, without a vote.

ANNEX I

Agenda

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7. Evaluation of the results achieved in the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, with emphasis on the implementation of the relevant human rights standards and instruments and on the effectiveness of international and regional methods and procedures.

8. Identification of obstacles to the full realization of all human rights.

9. Consideration of the relationship between development, democracy and the universal enjoyment of all human rights, keeping in view the interdependence and indivisibility of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights.

10. Consideration, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, of contemporary trends in and new challenges to the full realization of human rights, particularly those of persons belonging to vulnerable groups.

11. Recommendations to ensure the effective enjoyment of all human rights and improve the coordination of the mechanisms of the United Nations and the regional systems, as well as the relationship between them, as appropriate.

12. Recommendations to ensure the necessary technical and financial cooperation for the strengthening of the promotion and protection of human rights.

13. Adoption of the final documents and/or declaration of the Regional Meeting.

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